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Applicants

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Tracy Ann Vivlemore

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This responds to the September 19, 2007 Restriction Requirement. Applicants have filed concurrently herewith a petition for a three-month extension of time for replying to the Restriction Requirement and have paid the required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) and 1.17(a)(3). With the extension, a response is due on or before Saturday, January 19, 2008. Because Monday, January 21, 2008, is a federal holiday, the response is timely filed.

Kindly amend the application as follows prior to its examination:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.